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HEBER CITY — Harris Parcell is a candidate for the Heber City Council on Nov. 7.

For many years he has been a store manager and has run a profitable and effective business in Heber City. He served on the Wasatch County School Board and has worked on various committees in the Chamber of Commerce, Lions Club, Rotary Club and other organizations.

Parcell said he is a lifelong resident of Heber Valley and is proud of his heritage and the place where he lives.

"I would like to see our community grow and encourage families to build homes and live here. I would



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like to organize and plan so businesses in our community can grow and be profitable in order to support the businessmen, employees, and families," he said.

"I will work hard and will listen to the people. I want to help make Heber City an even better place to live. I want to see our city beautiful and clean; I want to keep taxes down, and our budgets in line."

Parcell said he is a good administrator and believes in being fair, dependable and trustworthy in all he does.

"I work well with other people;

I use good judgment, and am wise in the decisions I make. I love to see young people succeed and grow and progress," he said.

Parcell said he wants to see unity and sensitivity for others so they can get the job done the right way.

"I would love to have this opportunity to serve my fellowmen as a

councilman in Heber City," he said.

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Heber businessman, fire fighter faces retirement with reticence

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HEBER CITY — After 18 years as a volunteer fireman in Wasatch County, Harris Parcell retired Sept. 1.

He said he won't miss the fires, but he will miss the association with the other firemen. He said the group is like a fraternity.

"Harris has been a good person to have. We're going to miss him," said Clyde Montgomery, secretary of the volunteer firemen's association. He said when their beepers go off, most of the firemen head for the fire.

"But not Harris," he said. "He makes sure those engines are out before he goes anywhere. That's his first stop."

"For quite a few years, it's been his responsibility to look after the fire engines — make sure the tires were up, the battery checked, the oil in the engines, and that they were all fueled and ready to

go. You've got to have somebody pretty responsible for that."

Parcell was assistant fire chief for three years and has served on almost every committee in the department, Montgomery reported.

One of the worst fires in Parcell's memory was in 1972, when the Safeway store, which he managed, burned down. He said no one knew how it started, but oil in the floors fed it. He said it had been oiled at least once a month, for at least 15 years.

The alarm "was turned in at 5 a.m. When my wife said it was the store, I didn't even stop to put on my coveralls. I just grabbed them and put them on as I went."

"We didn't dare go in the front door and we went around and broke in the back door, and that whole back room was just absolutely all gone," he said.

Fire crews from Summit and Utah Counties helped

fight the fire, which took about three hours to control, he said, but the building couldn't be saved. In fact, people began moving things out of neighboring businesses, which were threatened, but the crews were able to keep it from spreading.

One of the other fires he remembers as the most serious was the one that destroyed the building owned by Heber Light and Power, once a pea factory, which burned out about eight businesses two years ago. He said that was also a difficult fire to fight because it was very smokey and would appear to be under control, then flare up again.

He also recalls the coldest he ever got, when the water had to be pumped from a reservoir to fight a fire in a Wallsburg home one December.

"We couldn't get the hose to suck water and I just said, 'to heck with it.' I just

grabbed the hose and took off out into the water. When I got home, my clothes were frozen on me," he said.

Parcell was born in Wallsburg and graduated from Wasatch County High School. He worked at Safeway four years, then managed the store for 35 years, and voluntarily retired in July 1984.

After retirement, he and his wife, Phyllis, went on a mission to Akron, Ohio, for the LDS Church, and now works at the temple two mornings a week. He enjoys gardening at his Heber City home and two other pieces of land, where he grows alfalfa, grain, and vegetables, most of which he gives away.

He has been an LDS bishop, high priest group leader, and member of the high council. He said he's had to leave church meetings many times to go fight a fire, but everyone knew he had to go and didn't complain about it.